

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8661

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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UNCLAS PRETORIA 4508

DEPARTMENT PASS MOSCOW

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MNUC, SF

SUBJ: MINISTER BACKTRACKS ON STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR ISSUE

REF: PRETORIA 4492

1. MINISTER OF FINANCE, SENATOR OWEN NORWOOD, WHEN  
APPROACHED BY PRESS AFTER RELEASE OF BOTHA STATEMENT  
( SEE REFTEL), CLAIMED THAT PRESS ITEMS HAD  
MISINTERPRETED HIS STATEMENT ON USE OF NUCLEAR POWER  
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BY SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID AT NO TIME DID HE ADVOCATE

THAT SOUTH AFRICA USE ITS NUCLEAR POTENTIAL FOR  
AGGRESSIVE PURPOSES. HIS STATEMENT ON AUGUST 30  
WAS MADE WITH INTENTION " TO DEMONSTRATE MY

OBJECTIONS TO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN OUR AFFAIRS,  
AND I VIEW THIS AS AN EXAMPLE, HAVING FIRST REFERRED  
SPECIFICALLY TO THE UNDERTAKING WHICH WAS GIVEN THAT  
WE WERE USING OUR NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT FOR  
PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND THAT WE STAND BY THAT."

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY PRESS, HORWOOD  
CONFIRMED THAT BOTHA HAD CALLED HIM LAST NIGHT BUT  
SAID THERE WAS NO CONTROVERSY BETWEEN THEM. BOTHA  
HAD SEEN MISINTERPRETATION OF HIS STATEMENT IN PRESS  
AND " PHONED ME TO CLARIFY EXACTLY WHAT I HAD SAID." BOWDLER

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED MOSCOW

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